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By Representatives B. Thomas, Cole, Dickerson, Scott, Ebersole, Mason, Chopp, Patterson, Costa and Poulsen; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district levies; amending RCW 84.52.0531;
2 reenacting and amending RCW 28A.500.010; amending 1993 c 465 s 2
3 (uncodified); and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.500.010 and 1993 c 465 s 2 and 1993 c 410 s 1 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Commencing with taxes assessed in 1993 to be collected in
8 calendar year 1994 and thereafter, in addition to a school district's
9 other general fund allocations, each eligible district shall be
10 provided local effort assistance funds as provided in this section.
11 Such funds are not part of the district's basic education allocation.
12 For distribution of local effort assistance funds provided under this
13 section in calendar years 1994 ((and)), 1995, 1996, and 1997, state
14 funds may be prorated as provided in the omnibus appropriations act.

15 (2)(a) "Prior tax collection year" shall mean the year immediately
16 preceding the year in which the local effort assistance shall be
17 allocated.

18 (b) The "state-wide average twelve percent levy rate" shall mean
19 twelve percent of the total levy bases as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4)

1 summed for all school districts, and divided by the total assessed
2 valuation for excess levy purposes in the prior tax collection year for
3 all districts as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county
4 indicated ratio established in RCW 84.48.075.

5 (c) The "twelve percent levy rate" of a district shall mean:

6 (i) Twelve percent of the district's levy base as defined in RCW
7 84.52.0531(4), plus one-half of any amount computed under RCW
8 84.52.0531(3)(b) in the case of nonhigh school districts; divided by

9 (ii) The district's assessed valuation for excess levy purposes for
10 the prior tax collection year as adjusted to one hundred percent by the
11 county indicated ratio.

12 (d) "Eligible districts" shall mean those districts with a twelve
13 percent levy rate which exceeds the state-wide average twelve percent
14 levy rate.

15 (3) Allocation of state matching funds to eligible districts for
16 local effort assistance shall be determined as follows:

17 (a) Funds raised by the district through maintenance and operation
18 levies during that tax collection year shall be matched with state
19 funds using the following ratio of state funds to levy funds: (i) The
20 difference between the district's twelve percent levy rate and the
21 state-wide average twelve percent levy rate; to (ii) the state-wide
22 average twelve percent levy rate.

23 (b) The maximum amount of state matching funds for which a district
24 may be eligible in any tax collection year shall be twelve percent of
25 the district's levy base as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(4), multiplied by
26 the following percentage: (i) The difference between the district's
27 twelve percent levy rate and the state-wide average twelve percent levy
28 rate; divided by (ii) the district's twelve percent levy rate.

29 (4) In tax collection year 1993 and thereafter, local effort
30 assistance funds shall be distributed to qualifying districts as
31 follows:

32 (a) Thirty percent in April;

33 (b) Twenty-three percent in May;

34 (c) Two percent in June;

35 (d) Seventeen percent in August;

36 (e) Nine percent in October;

37 (f) Seventeen percent in November; and

38 (g) Two percent in December.

1 **Sec. 2.** 1993 c 465 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 Section 2 of this act shall expire December 31, (~~(1995)~~) 1997.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 84.52.0531 and 1994 c 116 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The maximum dollar amount which may be levied by or for any school
7 district for maintenance and operation support under the provisions of
8 RCW 84.52.053 shall be determined as follows:

9 (1) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1992, the
10 maximum dollar amount shall be calculated pursuant to the laws and
11 rules in effect in November 1991.

12 (2) For the purpose of this section, the basic education allocation
13 shall be determined pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and
14 28A.150.350: PROVIDED, That when determining the basic education
15 allocation under subsection (4) of this section, nonresident full time
16 equivalent pupils who are participating in a program provided for in
17 chapter 28A.545 RCW or in any other program pursuant to an
18 interdistrict agreement shall be included in the enrollment of the
19 resident district and excluded from the enrollment of the serving
20 district.

21 (3) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and
22 thereafter, the maximum dollar amount shall be the sum of (a) and (b)
23 of this subsection minus (c) of this subsection:

24 (a) The district's levy base as defined in subsection (4) of this
25 section multiplied by the district's maximum levy percentage as defined
26 in subsection (5) of this section;

27 (b) In the case of nonhigh school districts only, an amount equal
28 to the total estimated amount due by the nonhigh school district to
29 high school districts pursuant to chapter 28A.545 RCW for the school
30 year during which collection of the levy is to commence, less the
31 increase in the nonhigh school district's basic education allocation as
32 computed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section due to the
33 inclusion of pupils participating in a program provided for in chapter
34 28A.545 RCW in such computation;

35 (c) The maximum amount of state matching funds under RCW
36 28A.500.010 for which the district is eligible in that tax collection
37 year.

1 (4) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and
2 thereafter, a district's levy base shall be the sum of allocations in
3 (a) through (c) of this subsection received by the district for the
4 prior school year, including allocations for compensation increases,
5 plus the sum of such allocations multiplied by the percent increase per
6 full time equivalent student as stated in the state basic education
7 appropriation section of the biennial budget between the prior school
8 year and the current school year and divided by fifty-five percent. A
9 district's levy base shall not include local school district property
10 tax levies or other local revenues, or state and federal allocations
11 not identified in (a) through (c) of this subsection.

12 (a) The district's basic education allocation as determined
13 pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250, 28A.150.260, and 28A.150.350;

14 (b) State and federal categorical allocations for the following
15 programs:

16 (i) Pupil transportation;

17 (ii) Handicapped education;

18 (iii) Education of highly capable students;

19 (iv) Compensatory education, including but not limited to learning
20 assistance, migrant education, Indian education, refugee programs, and
21 bilingual education;

22 (v) Food services; and

23 (vi) State-wide block grant programs; and

24 (c) Any other federal allocations for elementary and secondary
25 school programs, including direct grants, other than federal impact aid
26 funds and allocations in lieu of taxes.

27 (5) For excess levies for collection in calendar year 1993 and
28 thereafter, a district's maximum levy percentage shall be determined as
29 follows:

30 (a) Multiply the district's maximum levy percentage for the prior
31 year by the district's levy base as determined in subsection (4) of
32 this section;

33 (b) Reduce the amount in (a) of this subsection by the total
34 estimated amount of any levy reduction funds as defined in subsection
35 (6) of this section which are to be allocated to the district for the
36 current school year;

37 (c) Divide the amount in (b) of this subsection by the district's
38 levy base to compute a new percentage;

1 (d) The percentage in (c) of this subsection or twenty percent,
2 whichever is greater, shall be the district's maximum levy percentage
3 for levies collected in that calendar year; and

4 (e) For levies to be collected in calendar years 1994 (~~and 1995~~)
5 through 1997, the maximum levy rate shall be the district's maximum
6 levy percentage for 1993 plus four percent reduced by any levy
7 reduction funds. For levies collected in (~~1996~~) 1998, the prior year
8 shall mean 1993.

9 (6) "Levy reduction funds" shall mean increases in state funds from
10 the prior school year for programs included under subsection (4) of
11 this section: (a) That are not attributable to enrollment changes,
12 compensation increases, or inflationary adjustments; and (b) that are
13 or were specifically identified as levy reduction funds in the
14 appropriations act. If levy reduction funds are dependent on formula
15 factors which would not be finalized until after the start of the
16 current school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall
17 estimate the total amount of levy reduction funds by using prior school
18 year data in place of current school year data. Levy reduction funds
19 shall not include moneys received by school districts from cities or
20 counties.

21 (7) For the purposes of this section, "prior school year" shall
22 mean the most recent school year completed prior to the year in which
23 the levies are to be collected.

24 (8) For the purposes of this section, "current school year" shall
25 mean the year immediately following the prior school year.

26 (9) Funds collected from transportation vehicle fund tax levies
27 shall not be subject to the levy limitations in this section.

28 (10) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop rules
29 and regulations and inform school districts of the pertinent data
30 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this act shall expire December
32 31, 1997.

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